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Basis of the report

The basis of this international preliminary examination is the application as originally filed.

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The question of whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step, or to be industrially applicable has not been the subject of the international preliminary examination in respect of the whole application because no international search report has been established for any of the claims (Article 17(2)(a) or (3) and Rule 66.1(e) PCT; see also declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) PCT).